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SUBJECT: MPLA SUMMIT FINALLY CONVENED

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. THE LUANDA DAILY "A PROVINCIA," WHO HAS A SPECIAL REPORTER IN LUSAKA, STATES THAT THE 400-MEMBER MPLA CONGRESS WAS CONVENED IN A "SECRET BASE" OUTSIDE LUSAKA ON AUG 12 WITH OBSERVERS FROM SOMALIA, ALGERIA, TANZANIA, CONGO (B), ZAMBIA, FRELIMO AND PAIGC IN ATTENDANCE. THE PURPOSE OF MEETING IS TO CHOOSE A LEADER AND ADOPT A POLICY TO PRESENT TO THE PORTUGUESE ON INDEPENDENCE.

2. THE REPORTER (LUIZ RODRIGUEZ) WRITES THAT HE HAS TALKED WITH ALL THE CONTENDERS FOR THE MPLA LEADERSHIP MANTLE. HIS FEELING IS THAT AUGUSTINHO NETO IS MOST LIKELY TO
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SUCCEED HIMSELF. MARIO PINTO ANDRADE HAS REFUSED TO

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BECOME A CANDIDATE. HIS HIGHLY RESPECTED BROTHER,
DR JOAQUIM PINTO DE ANDRADE, HAS BEEN OUT OF CONTACT
TOO LONG WITH MPLA TO BE A VIABLE CANDIDATE. DANIEL
CHIPENDA VERY MUCH WANTS THE JOB AND IS THE MOST LIKELY
CHOICE AFTER NETO. THE POSSIBILITY OF A TROIKA IS MINIMAL AS
CHIPENDA HAS STATED HE WILL NOT WORK WITH NETO.

3. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT MPLA IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE
PRESSURE FROM OAU TO PUT ITS HOUSE IN ORDER, CHOOSE A
LEADER, FORM A UNITED FRONT WITH FNLA AND BEGIN TALKS WITH
PORTUGUESE.
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